

TWO GIRL BABIES BURNED TO DEATH

Clothing Ignited From Fires in Homes—Mothers of Both Injured



JOSEPHINE SMITH Four-year-old girl, living at 234 Dickinson street, burned to death when her clothing caught fire from an open fire.

Two little girls are dead today despite the heroism of their mothers, who were badly burned trying to save the little ones from the flames. The mothers will recover. Four-year-old Josephine Smith, of 234 Dickinson street, died at the Mt. Sinai Hospital at midnight after having her clothing burned off her body when her dress became ignited before an open fire. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, was taken to the hospital with her. Mrs. John Smith, of 1224 Brown street, pulled her seven-year-old daughter Iona in a rug last night after the child stumbled against a gas radiator in the sitting room. Mother and child were rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where the baby died shortly afterward. The mother's injuries were treated at the hospital.

ARMED SHIP BILL ON HOUSE CALENDAR

Continued from Page One of Bryan on Capitol Hill at this time has anything to do with the movement for a warning to Americans not to travel on armed merchantmen. Representative Warren Worth Bailey, of Pennsylvania, said today that 29 Democrats would confer with the former Secretary this afternoon. He has invited 20 of Mr. Bryan's friends to lunch with him at my hotel this afternoon," said Mr. Bailey. "The hotel is within a block of the Capitol, but Mr. Bailey said he did not expect the guest of honor would go either to the Hill or the Senate. "The luncheon," said Mr. Bailey, "has no significance whatever." Despite increased clamor in Congress for a direct vote on the merits of a resolution warning Americans off armed ships pending negotiations with the Central Powers, it became more certain that the House will vote to table the McLemore resolution. Ultimately, however, few leaders saw how another vote, in both the Senate and House, on a simple warning resolution could be avoided. Efforts were renewed to postpone the House vote until Thursday. This agitation came from the anti-Administration faction. It was practically a foregone conclusion that the movement would not succeed and that the House vote would be taken tomorrow, according to the schedule.

WILSON SEES REPUBLICANS.

The President today called Representative Bannett and Representative Lenroot, Republican members of the Rules Committee, to the White House and discussed with them the rule necessary to bring about a vote on the McLemore resolution. The Republicans told the Executive that the committee had not yet prepared a committee rule and that, being in the minority in the committee, were unable to say how soon a rule could be formulated. They told the President they believed the matter should be handled strictly in a non-partisan manner and would work to that end. Seven Republican Representatives met today in the office of Representative A. P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, and drafted a petition intended to set at rest the report that Republicans are opposed to the President's stand against warning Americans not to travel on armed merchantmen. The petition is addressed to the Rules Committee, that body to report a rule that will permit a straight vote on the McLemore warning resolution. The petition is being signed liberally. Those at the meeting this morning were: Gardner, of Massachusetts; Rogers, of Massachusetts; Green, of Vermont; Peters, of Maine; Pratt, of New York; James, of Michigan, and Gray, of New Jersey.

PLAN TO RETABLE

Another formal step planned was for Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Affairs Committee, to have the McLemore resolution taken from the table and placed on the House calendar. This step was necessary as a parliamentary proceeding. The Rules Committee jurisdiction over the bill will then be placed in position to report the rule to the House. By taking it from the table and then bringing it to the table by the House tomorrow, the President's opponents today declared the Administration would not get a hollow victory. Administration leaders, however, said that with the House tabling the resolution on a decisive vote, the President's ends would be attained and the House placed on record against the plan of warning resolutions.

Newspaper Dealer a Fire Hero

A Millinghouse, a newspaper dealer, of 411 Germantown avenue, saved six persons from suffocation early today when he swept through the home of George Mack, in the rear of 3123 Germantown avenue. Millinghouse aroused the occupants of the burning structure by pounding vigorously on the door. Mack and his wife and two children, who were asleep on a sofa, escaped to the streets through a window.

TRANSIT LOAN'S DEFEAT MAY BE URGED

Continued from Page One of the 42d Ward, explained today. To leave the \$25,000,000 transit item in the general loan bill, however, would seriously endanger the passage of the entire loan bill at the May election. Preparations are being made for an open fight in Council when the amendment will be introduced. It is expected that the Administration leaders will oppose the decision of the loan bill in the belief that if the bill is submitted as a unit the voters will hesitate to hold up the entire program of municipal improvements on account of the division on transit.

COUNCILMANIC ALLIANCE Under the direction of the All-Philadelphia Rapid Transit League an alliance of the Councilmen from the outlying sections of the city is being formed which will stand together at the next meeting of Council, ready to fight for the passage of the amendment dividing the loan bill. Councilmen from the following wards will be urged to join the alliance: 21st, 22d, 23d, 27th, 35th, 40th, 41st, 42d, 43d, 45th and 46th.

It was officially denied at the office of Director Twining today that a new agreement had been worked out between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company for a system of free transfers between the existing surface lines and the proposed high-speed lines.

The fight against the proposed Twining modifications will center today in a series of meetings held by business and civic organizations and trade bodies in every section of the city. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Transportation Committee of the United Business Men's Association will meet in the office of Transit Director Twining to hear his explanation of the proposed changes in the transit plan.

Immediately after leaving this conference the Business Men's Committee will convene at 1429 Chestnut street to discuss, in executive session, the explanation of Director Twining and to recommend action by the United Business Men's Association on the entire transit situation, including the proposed agreement between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company for the operation of the proposed high-speed lines by the transit company and for the elimination of the 8-cent exchange tickets.

Tonight the Board of Directors of the Walnut Street Business Association will hold a special session to discuss transit in their offices in the Bellevue Court Building. At the same time the Northwest Business Men's Association will meet at their headquarters, 2325 Columbia avenue, to protest against the elimination of the Parkway-North 29th street line to Manayunk and Roxborough, and the Chester Avenue Business Men's Association will meet to fight against the proposal to postpone the construction of the Darby L and to construct this line on Federal street when it is ultimately built.

John R. Grammer, chairman of the Publicity Committee of the All-Philadelphia Rapid Transit League, issued the following statement today:

"Fourteen business men's associations from across the river, who have an organization known as the Allied Business Men's Association of West Philadelphia, will meet at the 22 Councilmen elected from West Philadelphia at the Republican Club, 4106 Chestnut street, on Tuesday night, to receive assurances that these Councilmen will stand by the former pledges made to insist that the Woodland avenue elevated line be built as well as the line to Roxborough through Fairmount Park and on North 29th street.

Mr. Thomas P. Dempsey, chairman of the Transit Committee of the Woodland Avenue Business Men's Association of West Philadelphia and a member of the Executive Committee of the All-Philadelphia Rapid Transit League from the 40th Ward, speaking at this meeting, said:

"At this meeting we will assure Logan, Germantown, Frankford, Roxborough and the other sections of the city that we are determined to be broad in this crisis, and stand united with what those interested in the movement of the All-Philadelphia Rapid Transit League stand for, viz., the complete Taylor plan, with every unit of it started at the same time and the whole available sum for port and transit facilities spent for those purposes alone, to the end that a complete scientific rapid transit system shall be created to benefit the whole city at the same time."

Director Twining, however, under the "progressive steps" system of construction does not contemplate any further loans for transit within the next three years. In the meanwhile, the remaining \$25,000,000 will have become available for any public improvements provided an amendment now before the State Legislature is passed and approved by the voters of the State at the November election in 1917.

At the time the amendment increasing the city's borrowing capacity from 7 to 10 per cent. was first considered the restriction making the money available for port and transit only was opposed. No action, however, was taken until the 1915 Legislature, when Senator Vane introduced a constitutional amendment providing that the money be available for any permanent public improvements. The amendment passed, but under the constitution before it can become a law it will have to be passed again in 1917, and \$25,000,000 still available for transit and port.

A total of \$69,000,000 is now available for transit development and port improvements, under the constitutional amendment approved at the polls last November increasing the city's borrowing capacity from 7 to 10 per cent. A total of \$40,000,000 will be taken from this amount for transit and \$5,000,000 for port improvements under the municipal loan now before Council. This will leave

then submitted to the voters of the State. The leaders in the fight for rapid transit improvements which will benefit all the sections of the city, declare that the recent developments, coupled with Senator Vane's amendment, reveal a well-laid scheme to give Philadelphia only part of the transit improvements expected and to divert the remainder of the money to other purposes. For this reason an attempt will be made to have Council include a large part of the remaining \$25,000,000 available under the increased borrowing capacity in the loan to be submitted to the voters in May. This will be given consideration by the All-Philadelphia Rapid Transit League and by all the business and civic organizations which will meet during the week. Harry W. Levy, president of the South Street Business Men's Association, has called a special meeting of the board of directors of that association for tomorrow night at 509 South 5th street, when the transit situation will be reviewed and recommendations will be made for approval by the entire association. Mr. Levy explained today that the association is so constituted that a recommendation by the board of directors is virtually equivalent to action by the entire body.

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LOGAN TO JOIN PROTEST Resolutions covering the entire transit situation and demanding the construction of the northern end of the Broad street subway from Erie avenue to Olney avenue, will be presented at a meeting of the Logan Improvement League to be held on Thursday evening. The resolutions are being drafted by George C. Ulrich, Select Councilman of the 42d Ward.

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